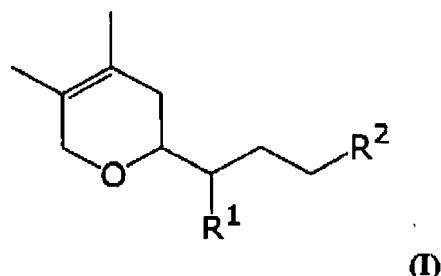


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In the Claims:

1.(original) A compound of the general formula (I)



wherein,

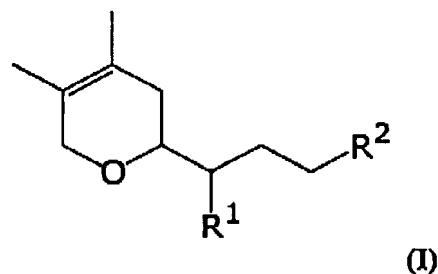
R¹ = H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃,

R² = H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃ or CH₂CH₂CH₃,

provided that when R¹ is H, R² is H.

2.(original) A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of 2-(1-ethylpropyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-propyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylpropyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylbutyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; or mixtures thereof.

3.(original) The use as a fragrance ingredient of a compound of the formula (I)



wherein,

R¹ is H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃, and

R² is H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CH₂CH₂CH₃

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4.(original) Use according to claim 3 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of 2-butyl-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-pentyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 2-(1-ethylpropyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 2-hexyl-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-propyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylpropyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylbutyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; or mixtures thereof.

5.(currently amended) A fragrance composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 3 as defined in claim 3 or claim 4.

6.(currently amended) A method of conferring a desired fragrance on a fragrance composition, comprising the blending with known fragrance ingredients or and/or excipients of at least one compound according to claim 3 as defined in claim 3 or claim 4.

7.(new) A fragrance composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 4.

8.(new) A method of conferring a desired fragrance on a fragrance composition, comprising the blending with known fragrance ingredients or excipients of at least one compound according to claim 4.